

Remarks

Claims 8 to 16 have been cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution. With entry of this Amendment, claims 24 to 35 are pending in the application.

Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 8 to 16 and 24 to 35 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 6 to 11 and 17 to 28 of co-pending Application No. 09/862992.

With this paper, claims 8 to 16 have been cancelled. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(b) is submitted herewith. The submission of the terminal disclaimer overcomes the provisional obviousness type double patenting rejection of claims 24 to 35.

§ 103(a) Rejection

Claims 8 to 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Daughtery, III, U.S. Patent No. 5,884,286.

Claims 8 to 16 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 8 to 16 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 24 to 35 at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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